

United States Environmental Protection Agency
Region 1
POLLUTION REPORT

Date: Friday, October 22, 2004
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Subject: Lonsdale Bleachery
Carrington Street, Lincoln, RI

POLREP No.:	2	Site #:	Z1AK
Reporting Period:		D.O. #:	
Start Date:	7/30/2004	Response Authority:	CERCLA/OPA
Mob Date:	7/30/2004	Response Type:	Emergency
Completion Date:		NPL Status:	Non NPL
CERCLIS ID #:	RIN000103681	Incident Category:	Removal Action
RCRIS ID #:		Contract #	
Federal Project #	EO4116	Reimbursable Account #	01R0XAK302D91CZ1K

Site Description

The Site is the location of the Lonsdale Bleachery, a large former textile mill located in Lincoln, Rhode Island. The former mill property was subdivided into several smaller parcels. An industrial grade heating oil (possibly #4 or #6) is seeping out of a granite block retaining wall on Lot 96 and into the Blackstone River. The nature and extent of the source of this oil remains under investigation, but may be related to three large, abandoned, aboveground oil storage tanks located on the property. In addition, asbestos-containing pipe insulation is located in the vicinity of the former boiler at another portion of the site (Lot 60).

Current Activities

Pursuant to a Pollution Removal Funding Authorization (PRFA), DEM and its contractor continue to maintain containment and sorbents to collect the oil and stop the further seepage of oil into the River.

On September 22, 2004, EPA and the Superfund Technical Assessment and Response Team (START) contractor initiated a removal site investigation which included sampling of oil from the river area and pipe insulation materials from the former boiler area. Samples were analyzed at EPA's New England Regional Laboratory. No polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) were detected in the oil. Asbestos was detected in the pipe insulation materials (chrysotile up to 35% and amosite up to 20%). The removal site investigation was closed on October 14, 2004 with the findings that a removal action was required under Superfund (relative to the asbestos) and that the ongoing oil spill response was required under the Clean Water Act (as amended by the Oil Pollution Act).

On September 28, 2004, EPA issued a Notice of Federal Interest (NOFI) to the Town of Lincoln (apparent owner of Lot 96), advising them of their potential liability and inviting them to perform cleanup activities relative to the oil release. In response, the Town stated that it does not actually own the property. Final

determination of property ownership is pending.

On October 21, 2004, EPA issued a Superfund notice letter which identified FDS Industries, LLC (the current owner of Lot 60) as a potentially responsible party (PRP) and invited it to conduct a removal action to address the asbestos.

Planned Removal Actions

DEM will continue to monitor for ongoing seepage of oil and deploy additional containment and sorbents as necessary to prevent the oil from entering the River. EPA and DEM will conduct further investigative and cleanup actions as necessary to determine and eliminate the source of the oil.

With regard to Lot 60, EPA will negotiate with FDS Industries, LLC to conduct a PRP-lead removal action to address the asbestos.

Estimated Costs *

	Budgeted	Total To Date	Remaining	% Remaining
Extramural Costs				
OPA Federal Project Account	\$25,000.00	\$11,000.00	\$14,000.00	56.00%
Intramural Costs				
Total Site Costs	\$25,000.00	\$11,000.00	\$14,000.00	56.00%

* The above accounting of expenditures is an estimate based on figures known to the OSC at the time this report was written. The OSC does not necessarily receive specific figures on final payments made to any contractor(s). Other financial data which the OSC must rely upon may not be entirely up-to-date. The cost accounting provided in this report does not necessarily represent an exact monetary figure which the government may include in any claim for cost recovery.

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